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# 2021 KETCHIKAN HERRING FISHERY UPDATE # 5

An aerial survey was conducted today in the Revilla Channel area. Weather was overcast with light winds. Visibility was good.

#### Craig

The fishery opened for placement of herring into pounds at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 17.

### 2021 Craig/Klawock Herring Summary

March 18, 2021	Limited predator activity.
March 22, 2021	Limited predator activity.

March 25, 2021 Slight increase in predator activity.

March 29, 2021 Limited predator activity.

#### **Revilla Channel**

During today's aerial survey, **3.3 nautical miles (nmi) of active spawn was observed in Revilla Channel**. The spawn occurred along the west side of Double and Village Islands, the southern tip of Cat Island, and along the northern side of Dog Island. Fifty sea lions were observed around Village and Double Islands.

#### 2021 Revilla Channel Herring Summary

March 18, 2021	No predator activity.
March 22, 2021	No predator activity.
March 25, 2021	No predator activity.
March 29, 2021	5.8 nmi of spawn observed on Cat, Dog, Village, Double, and Mary Islands.
March 30, 2021	3.3 nmi of spawn observed on Cat, Dog, Village, and Double Islands.

The next aerial survey is planned for **Thursday**, **April 1**. Fishery updates will be released after aerial surveys are completed for the day.

Herring survey data collected by the department from aerial and boat surveys will be available online through the interactive herring spawn maps located on the department's website at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.herring#maps.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: <a href="https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/">https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/</a>.

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